

He was a longtime active communicant of St. Pius X Church, serving on the parish council and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He had the distinction of being inducted to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2005. He was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Soucy was a legend in New Hampshire politics. Always working, always helping other, always in service. In short, New Hampshire is a much better place because of the life and career of Mr. Soucy. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARPA-E REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce the bipartisan ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2017.

Even though the agency is still relatively young, ARPA-E has already demonstrated incredible success in advancing high-risk, high-reward energy technology solutions that neither the public nor the private sector had been willing or able to support in the past. This was highlighted in a Congressionally mandated National Academies review of the agency released in June. Bipartisan industry leaders like Norm Augustine and Bill Gates have repeatedly called for tripling this agency's budget given the unique role that it is now playing in our energy innovation pipeline.

ARPA-E's impressive track record includes over \$1.8 billion in private sector follow-on funding for a group of 74 ARPA-E projects since the agency's founding in 2009. Equally notable, 56 projects have formed new companies and 68 projects have shown enough promise to result in partnerships with other government agencies for further development. And I'd be remiss if I didn't refer my colleagues to DOE Secretary Perry's March 8th tweet which states, and I quote, "Innovators like the ones supported by our ARPA-E program are key to advancing America's energy economy." I couldn't have said this better myself.

The ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2017 authorizes reasonable growth in funding for ARPA-E through 2022. Increased funding for ARPA-E is consistent with the strong and sustained recommendations of many respected industrial and academic institutions and organizations in recent years. The bill also includes a provision which ensures that sensitive proprietary business information collected by ARPA-E remains protected, which will enable even greater private sector engagement in its programs.

I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mrs. LOVE, for joining me in introducing this bill, and I hope that all Members will consider supporting this critical investment in our nation's clean energy future.

SUPPORT FOR H. RES. 502

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives rightfully took action to respond to the impact of Hurricane Harvey, by approving disaster relief through a supplemental appropriations resolution. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present during the earlier vote. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 502. I am pleased to see the measure passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support and look forward to the Senate taking similar action to bring much-needed aid to the victims that continue to face the devastating effects of this momentous storm.

RECOGNIZING BETHEL UNITED METHODIST 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bethel United Methodist Church in Marion, South Carolina, for 150 years of service and fellowship. As stated in the first verse of Psalm 133, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Despite what may be heard in the media, faith and God are alive and well in our country. Evil tries to shatter our communities and sow seeds of despair, but to the Devil's dismay our faith in God is resilient.

Thank you for all you do to advance God's message in our community. Through fellowship, community programs, and outreach, Bethel United Methodist Church is doing God's work right here in Marion.

We, people of faith, must ensure that God's message of salvation is heard in every city, state, and country in the world. In faith, hope, and love, we cannot fail. May God continue to bless Bethel United Methodist Church and all those who worship there.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the University of Minnesota Libraries, which has been awarded the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Their devotion to innovative and accessible library service has made them one of the nation's standout public research libraries.

Every year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services selects ten institutions that best represent the stewardship of public knowledge. Throughout its 23-year history, the IMLS has only selected three academic libraries for the recognition. This is a fitting recognition of the amount of community-driven work the

UMN Libraries undertakes. As a public research library, their work expands far beyond the University walls to our state's 5.5 million residents and beyond.

As I wrote in my letter of nomination for the University of Minnesota Libraries: I have been moved by the deep commitment the Libraries have shown to our community. Its mission is realized every day through the dedication, creativity, and human kindness represented in the programs and services it provides. It is a shining example of how a public institution can make a great difference in the lives of people within its walls and beyond its borders. I am proud to be associated with the University Libraries and believe it to be an exemplary candidate for this honor.

I am thrilled to congratulate the UMN Libraries for receiving the U.S. government's top honor for library service to the community. I look forward to seeing the way they expand the pursuit of knowledge in coming decades.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER SCARAFILE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Peter Scarafile on the occasion of his retirement from Cape Cod Healthcare. Peter is retiring as the Director of Pharmacy after more than 44 years as an integral part of the Cape Cod Healthcare family.

Peter was born in Union City, New Jersey and raised in Newburgh, New York by his first-generation Italian American father, Danny, and his Italian mother, Maria. His parents met when his father was stationed as a military policeman in Italy right after World War II. Peter is one of three brothers and learned to speak Italian before he spoke English at home.

Peter's incredible work ethic began at a young age when stocked shelves at the dairy department of a local grocery store in high school. Though originally recruited by Brown University, he decided to attend Northeastern University's School of Pharmacy to participate in Northeastern University's renowned Co-Op program. It was during his work at Karas Pharmacy during his Co-Op program in 1972 that Peter met the love of his life, Judy. They were married in 1974 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, MA.

After graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, Peter enrolled immediately to complete his Master's in Hospital Administration. Peter and Judy then moved to Cape Cod to begin their careers.

In 1975 Peter began his first job at a hospital when was hired as a Staff Pharmacist at Cape Cod Hospital. He quickly rose the ranks to become the Manager of Pharmacy Operations for the parent organization, Cape Cod Healthcare, before being appointed the Director of Pharmacy in 2009. In this role he oversaw eight pharmacies and 40 pharmacists who assist thousands of sick patients to get the attention and care they need.

They quickly became very involved in local organizations, including the Cape Cod Baseball League. As friends and family joke, when Peter married Judy, he also married the Cape Cod League. Peter joined the then-Hyannis